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Community Relations Council Awards \$3,000.00 in Scholarships to Gary Students

"It was very difficult to decide whom to select," said Community Relations Council (CRC) scholarship committee chair Cynthia Jasso, "they were all very qualified." Twelve of the 63 Gary Job Corps students who are currently attending either Austin Community College, St. Phillip's in San Antonio, or Southwest Texas State University, applied for the six \$500.00 scholarships that were offered through Gary's Community Relations Council. The committee's decision was based upon both the applicants' financial need and their performance in the college program to date.

The scholarships were presented to the following students: **Abdullah Krueng**, who is from Indonesia, has completed his FAA Certification at St. Phillip's, and plans to attend Rice University to further his studies in Aviation

Technology. **Irma Rosales**, who will transfer from ACC to SWT this fall semester, will be pursuing her bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science. She hopes to become a coach and teacher in the public schools. **Carmen 'Lety'**

Garcia, a native of Monterrey, Mexico, transferred from ACC to SWT last semester. She came to the U.S. with a degree in Elementary Education but spoke little English. Lety studied English in the ESL program at Gary and then took further courses at the two colleges before being hired by Austin's Zavala Elementary School



Gary Job Corps Deputy Center Director Dorothy Mitchell (center left) presents a \$500 scholarship to Cynthia Zamora. Others receiving similar scholarships were (l-r): Carmen 'Lety' Garcia, Abdullah Krueng, Irma Rosales and Shawna Wade.

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Job Corps Students Ready to Make a Difference

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More than 100 student volunteers from Guthrie Job Corps will fan out across Logan County Saturday to help in several communities.

The roughly 120 volunteers are participants in the fourth annual Make a Difference Day.

"It's a national community serv-

ice day initiative that's put on and funded by U.S. Today Weekly and the Points of Life Foundation," says Mark Silvers, Business and Community Liaison for Guthrie Job Corps. "Every year, Job Corps participates and it's a chance for all of our students to give back in the form of community service, because we feel like the community gives so much to us that we should give back to the community. This is

a way to do that."

Some of the students spent today in Langston cooking for the Meals on Wheels program for the elderly. Others will spend Saturday picking up trash at the intersection of University and Broadway in Guthrie, digging up a sidewalk at Central Elementary in Guthrie, assisting with fingerprinting children in Langston as part of Langston University's homecoming celebra-

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JOB CORPS News

Time to Start Adding Up the Score

By Allan Martin Kaufman



Well, it's been a year since we first put Career Advisors in the field with a mandate to keep tabs on our graduates and to provide them the help they need to build careers.

Seems to me it's time to figure out how well we are doing – or, as the case may be, how badly.

How many students have we managed to keep track of? Is that the average or better than average? How many are still working? How many are working at jobs we helped them get? How many are working at the trades they learned through Job Corps? What have we done to help guarantee they get employment in the trades we taught them? How many make enough to support themselves?

How many got help from us when they needed it? What kind of help was that?

How many students have we lost track of entirely? Whose fault was that?

Have we succeeded in building graduate networks? If not, why?

Are graduates eager to maintain the relationship with their Career Advisors or do they do their best to duck them? Whatever the answer, why is that? What can we do to make things better? Have things gotten better as time went on or have they gotten worse? What things have gotten better? What things have gotten worse? Why?

What's the difference between our best scores and our worst? Is this difference the result of differences in the quality of our CAs or is it a function of geography or something else?

Have some graduates been more of a prob-

lem than others? Which ones? Are their problems things we could have or did identify in advance? If yes, why didn't we solve those problems when the kids were still students? What made us think the CAs could solve problems the center didn't?

Have some CAs been noticeably more successful than others? Which ones? What can we learn from them?

How do graduates rate their experiences with the CAs? What can be learned from the experiences of the graduates in dealing with their Career Advisors? Who will survey the graduates? When will that survey take place?

How do the CAs feel about their jobs? What's the turnover rate? What ideas do they have to improve our scores? Let's be honest in our evaluations of what we've been doing. That's the only way we can improve.

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last month as a second grade teacher. **Cynthia Zamorano** will be completing her two years at ACC at the end of this semester and will be transferring to Pan American University to complete her degree in Business Administration. **Daniel Ntakiyananira** is in his fourth semester at ACC studying for his certification in Welding Technology; he plans to own his own business. **Shawna Wade** has completed her third semester in the ACC nursing program, has been accepted into the LVN program, and looks to advance into the mobility

track program to become a Registered Nurse in one year. Shawna used the scholarship money to purchase the shoes and uniforms required for her studies, which she hadn't previously been able to afford.

Individuals and local businesses that support students in the Gary Job Corps college program donate the money for the scholarship program. CenturyTel and the San Marcos Manufacturers Association (SMMA) each donate \$1000 a year to the fund. Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union gave \$500 last year. "We are very proud of these

students," said Dorothy Mitchell, Gary's Deputy Director for Student Training. "This is what we work for; to assist these young people in achieving their goals and helping them set and reach even higher goals. These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of individuals and businesses in the local community who believe in Gary Job Corps and in our students. Gary Job Corps thanks them and our Community Relations Council for support they continue to give us," said Ms. Mitchell.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I look forward to this newsletter – the articles are great. Allan Kaufman really hits home with his perception and insight to issues we are all facing. Keep up the great job! – Arkansas

Dear Editor:

With Academic Olympics fast approaching, we are gearing up for the big event. Our center would like more information about the scholarship money/fund – who can we contact about this? – Texas

Editor's Note:

Regional Director, José de Olivares, can answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to call his office and discuss this with him.

JOB CORPS News

INS Partnership with North Texas Job Corps a Success

Through collaborative efforts of the North Texas Job Corps Center and the INS North Dallas Support Center, Natavis Lawton entered the Fingerprint Technician Certification Program and became its first graduate. Natavis, who entered North Texas Job Corps in November 2001, completed Desktop Publishing prior to beginning his training at the INS Application Support Center.

Mr. Roy McDade, site supervisor for the INS Application Center, praised Natavis on his performance employability skills. Mr. McDade "took Natavis under his wing" to ensure his success in the training program, and it paid off. Natavis recently accepted a position with the Albuquerque INS Support Center and will report for duty in mid-November. Mr. McDade feels that Natavis will do well in New Mexico.

Natavis' training included Computer Security Awareness, Cultural Diversity in the workplace, Fingerprint with the Live Scan Ten Printer, Digital Biometrics Incorporated (DBI) Fingerprinting, and Mobile Route Fingerprinting.



Pictured from left to right: Site Supervisor for the INS Application Center, Roy McDade; Job Corps Graduate Student, Natavis Lawton; and Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Latressa Kinney

The success of the North Dallas Program has resulted in additional internships becoming available for students from the North Texas Job Corps Center. According to Mr. McDade, future INS internships are definite, and selection and screening are already in the works. He anticipates a larger number of trainees, due to the success of the pilot program. Natavis has truly paved the way for future students in Job Corps center all across the United States.

Ms. Latressa Kinney, Work-Based Learning Coordinator said, "Natavis is a very bright and ambitious young man, and I am extremely proud of him. He has shown many students what hard work and dedication will do for you. Upon entering NTJC he had a plan to remain focused and determined until the end."

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tion and winterizing elderly citizens' homes in Meridian with materials donated by Ace Hardware.

The national Make a Difference Day is expected to involve two million people helping others around the country.

"Make a Difference Day provides Job Corps

students with a unique opportunity to give something back to our community," Rick Myers, Guthrie Job Corps Center Director said in a statement. "It's a great way for our students to build leadership skills through community service."



Ask Arla



Dear Arla,

Is Cutting Edge planning on redoing any other promotional items? Our office really likes the new posters, banners, fact sheets, and postcards.

F.T. – New Mexico

Dear F.T.,

We're really glad that so many of you have liked the new direction we've taken with the promo items! Currently in the works is the regional brochure – we're looking at

putting that together in late January – early February.

Dear Arla,

I'm just wondering if there are any upcoming regional conferences. Historically, this is the time of year we have them and I haven't heard anything.

C.C. – Louisiana

Dear C.C.,

Actually, we do have a conference coming up in early December. The four-day conference is scheduled for December 10-13, in Fort Worth. Attendees will be Regional

Office Staff, Center Directors, CSOs, RA Supervisors, Counseling Managers, SGA Advisors, Recreation Supervisors, Social Development Managers, and Corporate Staff.

All articles, information, Letters to the Editor, Ask Arla letters, and CDSS Directory changes for the January newsletter are due by **Monday, January 6, 2003** to:

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David L. Carrasco

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Twenty students graduated from the [David L. Carrasco] Leadership Training course on September 20 at a ceremony held in the center auditorium. During the graduation ceremony, the graduates were presented with certificates of completion and red Leadership shirts.

The Leadership Training program is designed to teach students the fundamentals of leadership, to build self-confidence, and to help them understand their new role and responsibilities as leaders. The classes are conducted by center staff who provide information on the following subjects: A Positive Self-Image; Mastering the Job Interview; Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs; Dressing for the Workplace; Being Financially Responsible; Work-Based Social Skills; and Work Ethics and Responsibilities.

The National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) and the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, in Washington, D.C., have announced that the David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center was chosen to receive the Promising and Effective Practices (PEPNet) award sponsored by the two agencies.

Special Programs Coordinator Susan V. Cooper and Student Government Association President Adriana Aguilar traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive the prestigious award at a ceremony last month. Emily Stover DeRocco, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, and Steve Trippe, Chair of the National Youth Employment Coalition, presented the award. The center is one of 19 institutions that were recognized for demonstrating effectiveness in preparing youth for employment.

This is the second time the Carrasco Job Corps program has qualified for the PEPNet award.

North Texas

On October 26, the North Texas Job Corps center illustrated what "National Make a Difference Day" meant when staff and students worked with the American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, Holy Family School,

Goodwill Industries, and the Volunteer McKinney Center. Students printed more than 3,000 "Make a Difference Day" packets for the Volunteer McKinney Center to distribute to the community detailing projects, agencies participating, team leaders, and important information needed for a successful MADD. NTJCC assisted the American Red Cross by assembling "Fire Prevention" brochures and then walked door to door to distribute them in selected neighborhoods. Some of the crew rolled up their sleeves to paint the interior of the Boys & Girls Club to give the center a needed face-lift. SGA representatives and the Career Prep class were instrumental in distributing 1,000 Goodwill Industries of Texas bags in numerous neighborhoods and returned on Saturday morning to pick up donated items to deliver them to Goodwill Industries. Many young learners will return to classrooms at the Holy Family School on Monday to organized classes, trimmed playground and an overall cleaner building thanks to the staff and students assigned to this site.

Rich Abbott, Center Director of North Texas Job Corps has appointed Ronda Herrell as the Director of Career Development Services. Ronda began her career with Job Corps in 1987, and has served as Vocational Instructor (Health Occupations), Vocational Supervisor, Placement/Work Experience Supervisor, Vocational Manager, Director of Education & Training, and Director of Career Development Services.

She brings a wealth of experience, creativity, and knowledge about CDSS to the North Texas Job Corps System. Her hopes for the NTJCC staff and students are that each person understands their role in the CDSS process and supports each other through connective activities.



North Texas Job Corps staff & students take part in National "Make a Difference Day."

Gary

Mallela Amaya, William Young, and Robert L. Beasley were each honored as "Student of the Week" during November by the Noon Lion's Club of San Marcos. Each student received a collegiate dictionary from John Hansen, president of the Noon's Lion Club, as well as a cash award from John Morrisset or Earl Moseley, representative from Gary Job Corps' Community Relations Council.

The American Red Cross of Central Texas offered emergency training to over 90 Gary Job Corps students on October 24 at the Gary Job Corps campus in San Marcos. The three-hour shelter operations training taught the Gary students and faculty how to operate a Red Cross shelter during a disaster and educated the group about the Red Cross' role in a disaster relief operation. The training is part of a unique partnership between the American Red Cross of Central Texas and Gary Job Corps, who signed an agreement in September 2001, the first of its kind around the nation.

Albuquerque

September 11, 2002 marked the one-year anniversary of the tragic occurrences in New York City, Washington, D.C., and in a field in Pennsylvania. As the nation mourned, so did Albuquerque. Albuquerque Job Corps (AJCC), coupled with the American Red Cross (ARC), mid Rio Grande Chapter, and countless others gathered at the Civic Plaza to pay their respects to all victims of the senseless, violent attack on America. The highlight of the event was members of APD and AFD bearing a gift from the City of New York – two steel beams that were once part of the structure known as the World Trade Center. As a fitting gesture, a local church will incorporate these beams into the construction of a new bell tower. The Business Community Liaison, Anna Marie Amonitello, accompanied by several volunteer students met with the coordinator from the ARC. Albuquerque volunteer students proudly displayed ARC flags.